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The undersigned author(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor	<input type="checkbox"/> Argument Against	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument in Favor	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument Against
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Of the ballot Measure Term Limits at the General/Special Municipal Election for the Town of Los Gatos to be held on November 3, 2020, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, Phillip Koen, Chairman Stack Infrastructure, am the designated filer of the above titled argument/rebuttal. Please notify me of any questions pertaining to this filing. Below is my contact information.

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Argument and Rebuttal Form  
Election Date: November 3, 2020

Please mark (X) in the appropriate box:

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor (max. 300 words)	<input type="checkbox"/> Argument Against (max. 300 words)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument For (max. 250 words)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument Against (max. 250 words)

Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. **Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentions, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated.** However, you may use dashes/hyphens. Words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscored and/or capitalized are to be clearly indicated. Any combinations of enhanced words are counted as one word. The number of words/acronyms that are in **boldface type**, underscore and/or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed **300 words for Arguments and 250 words for Rebuttals** per documents. All statements should be checked by the authors for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. Please note that **rebuttal arguments are allowed only when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed.**

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Please type statements below in upper and lower-case letters. Statement will be typeset in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. Statement can be submitted using any standard font.

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## Argument in Favor of Term Limits

Measure \_ will establish term limits for the Los Gatos Town Council. Measure \_ is on the ballot because a citizen-led initiative qualified for the ballot with more than 2,500 signatures from Los Gatos residents.

Term limits increase voter choice by making elections more competitive, encouraging more candidates to run, and have shown to bring more diversity of the backgrounds of those elected.

Throughout Santa Clara County and California, voters have overwhelmingly supported term limits for public officials. Without them, over time, incumbents become entrenched politicians who can forget about the people they were elected to serve. Our local system of government flourishes when there is a constant flow of new citizens who can promote fresh ideas and solutions.

Of the other 14 cities in Santa Clara County, 12 have enacted some form of term limits. Term limits also apply to California's statewide elected officers and Senate and Assembly legislators.

Because of a lack of term limits and the advantages of incumbency, since 2001 only 13 citizens have served on the 5-person Los Gatos Town Council. Shouldn't more residents have the opportunity to serve?

Measure \_ will give Los Gatos voters a real chance for fresh perspectives, new ideas and change.

In 2019 the Town Council had the opportunity to proactively place a term limit initiative before the voters, but they chose not to. They did this even though there was overwhelming support for term limits.

Measure \_ will break this cycle of entrenched incumbency by setting a reasonable limit of two council terms with a four-year break before allowing an individual to rerun for election.

Term limits will improve our political process and open our government. Vote YES on Measure \_.

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